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GROUP 1761

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 11, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wong for indicating that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has been withdrawn. Although not explicitly mentioned as being withdrawn, it is assumed that the provisional rejection of the claims under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting has also been withdrawn.

The present claims relate to granulated sweeteners which comprise Aspartame and Acesulfame-K as active ingredients, in which the amount of Acesulfame-K is 5 to 90 % by